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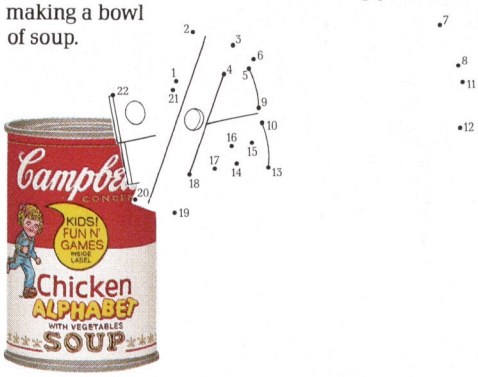

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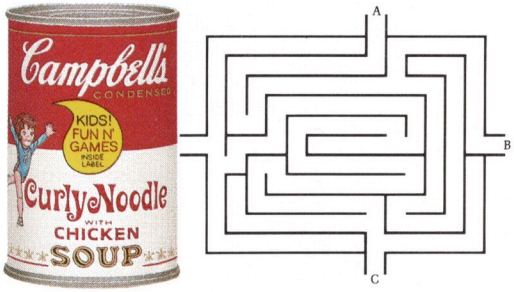

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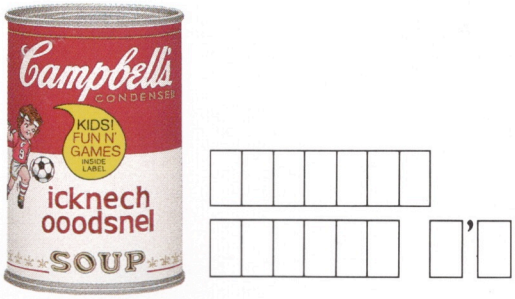

5. Are you a sharp kid?

Only two of these cans are exactly alike. See if you can pick them out.

6. Are you a clever kid?

Find three things wrong on this can.

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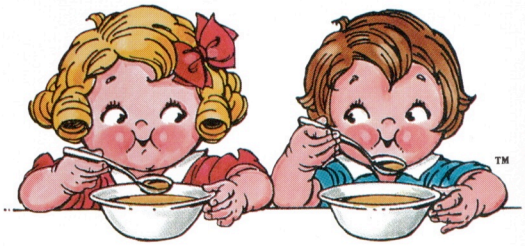
2. _____

3. _____

M'm! M'm! Good!®



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1.
2. It's a can opener.
3. C
4. Chicken Noodle-O's®
5. Cans B and H
6. SOUP misspelled, wrong color balloon (should be yellow), chicken instead of Campbell's Kid.

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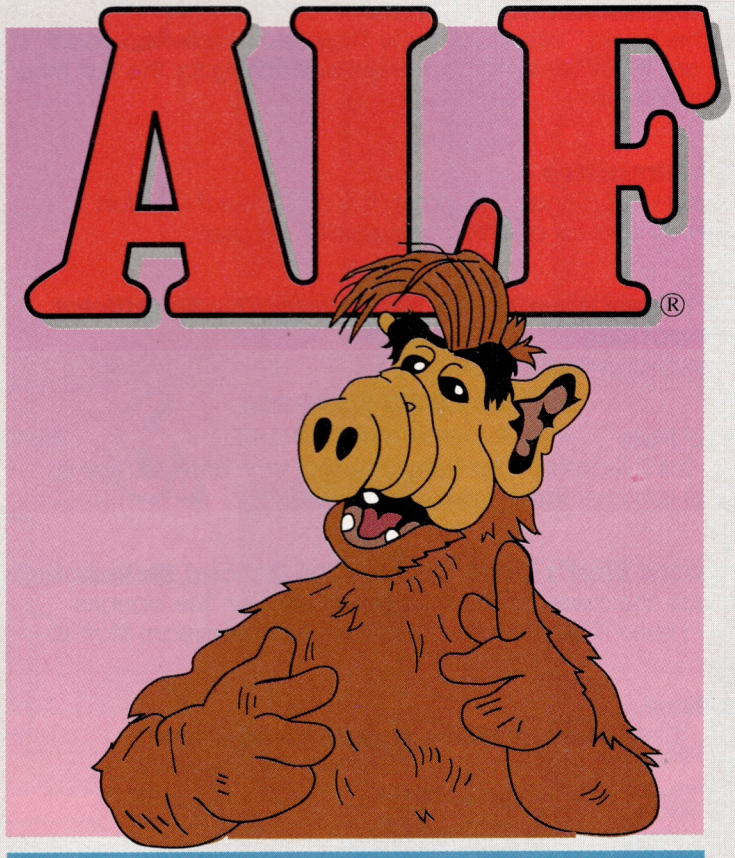

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But that's just not all, Alfies. (Well, Star Trek fans are called Trekkies!) Before you turn the page, take a gander at this sensational sweepstakes. There are five pictures of Neep, ALF's pet, in this issue. Locate them all, and write the five page numbers on the entry blank below. Then fill in the rest of the information and mail it to us before February 28, 1989. Mail it to:

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We'll put all the entries into a hat the size of Utah. (Well, almost.) Then we'll close our eyes and pick 10 winners. Each lucky guy or gal will win a valuable prize. Winners' names will be printed in the Summer issue of *ALF*.

Now go ahead and read *ALF Magazine* and, as they say on Melmac, HAVE A HOOT AND HALF!

—The Editors

P.S. Don't forget to write! *ALF Magazine* wants to know what you think.

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

_____

Circle: Boy Girl

What pages have Neep's picture? ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

What story did you like best in this issue of *Alf*?

_____

What stories would you like to see in future issues of *Alf*?

_____

LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS

THANKS FOR WRITING!

Dear Melmac Hero,

I think you're the best wiseguy on TV. Not the kind my mom says I can't be, because she likes you too—I mean a "wise" guy, you know? And funny, too!

Evan Sorrel
Toronto, Ontario

Dear *ALF Magazine*,

I like ALF because he gets in a lot of trouble. And when he's in trouble he always makes jokes. ALF has the best funny sayings when things happen. Of course, there is the problem about cats—it's not nice to eat cats. Cats are useful. (But I understand he can't help it!)

Desi Amador
Newark, New Jersey

Dear *ALF Magazine*,

I think it's terrific that ALF is making a magazine. The more ALF is around, the better! ALF is really special because he never gets upset—he gets funny. And he's just not fussy, if you know what I mean—I love it when he cleans the TV screen with his elbow and things like that.

Rusty Snyder
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear ALF,

I watched *ALF* and *ALF Tales* the other day and they were really good. You are so cute when you're dressed in a business suit and tie, typing the next story. (Is that how you dress for your magazine work?) The tale I saw was "The Sleeping Prince." It was funny and mixed-up. The "prince" fell into his long sleep from a paper cut!

Elizabeth Langdale
San Antonio, Texas

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JUMP BACK

'Cause new, improved Trix® is so sweet and fruity and brightly colored, now you gotta wear shades when you eat it!!

Directions: Prop this page against a chair or a wall, jump back 10 steps, and check out the picture that appears.

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Dear *ALF Magazine*,
This is such a good idea. I already can't get enough of ALF on TV, and now I don't have to worry because he's going to be in a magazine! I hope ALF will do some spoofs on famous stories and movies.

Ali Rioux
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear *ALF Magazine*,
I think this is a terrific project for ALF, one of my favorite characters. I really like *ALF Tales* a lot, and I hope your magazine will be as funny.

Nora Moore
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear ALF,
I like ALF's baby sister Augie. She wants to eat dessert all the time. I also like Flo.

Grace Dixon
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear ALF,
I am your Number #1 fan. I wish you could come and live with me! I used to have a big fat cat but not anymore, so it's okay for you to come over. I think you're special.

Alejandro Saralegui
Miami, Florida

Dear ALF,
I guess you have to be funny with *your* nose. You remind me of my dog. He has a big nose and he doesn't care for cats. But my dog is not really funny, and he definitely doesn't make terrific cartoons! Good luck with your magazine.

Wilson Chu
Brooklyn, New York

Dear ALF,
Hey, no problem! You are definitely all right bouncing to the tunes under your headphones. I've been practicing your style and I think you could benefit from another cool dude on the ground crew. No kidding. I could live on Melmac. How about it?

Jamal Davis
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Keep in touch. Drop us a line. Send your artwork. Send your parents. (Just kidding!) The address is:

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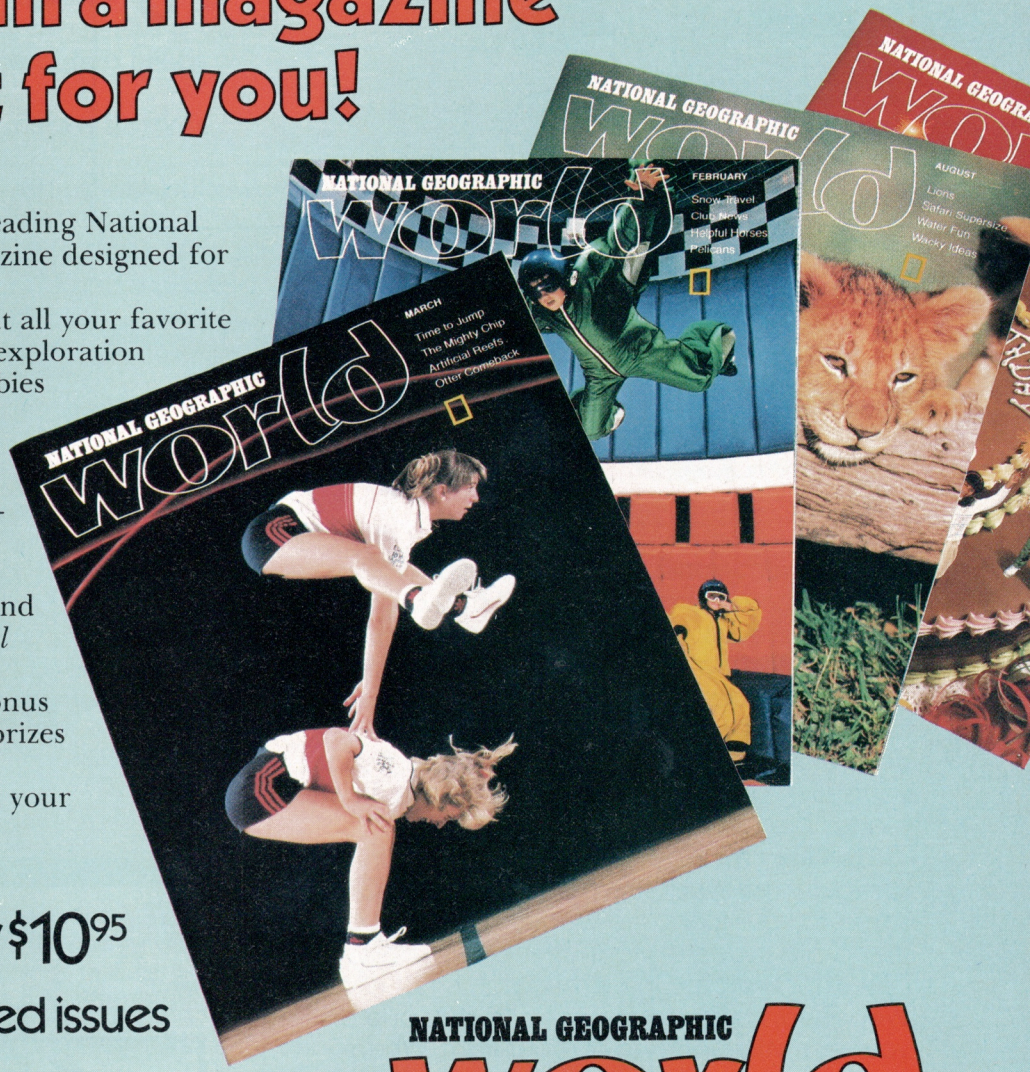

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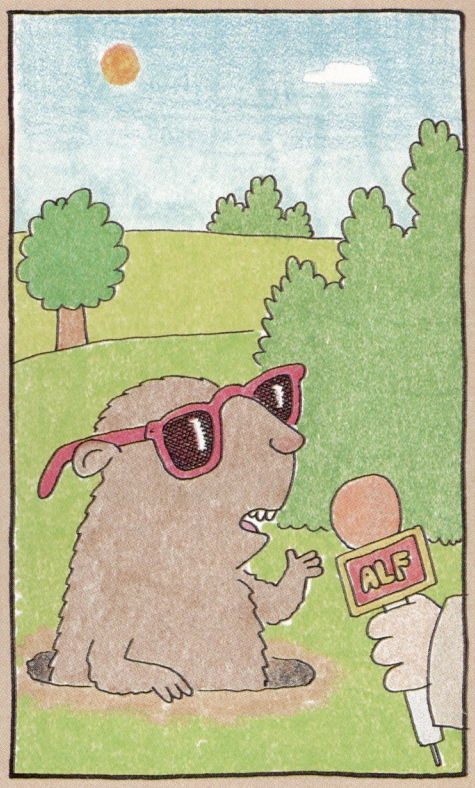


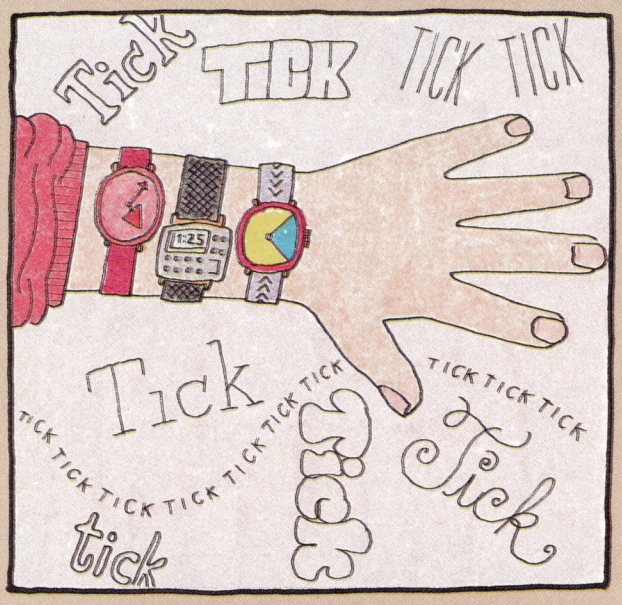
ON THE FAD AND FASHION FRONT

☐ **Designer Jeans:** You're the designer. All you need is some permanent paint and a brush. Paint your jeans any way you want, any color. The brighter, the better. Remember: Paint your jeans in the basement or outside.

☐ **Campus Camp:** College sweatshirts are cool! Cover yourself in Colorado State. Bundle yourself in Brown. Disappear in Dartmouth. The bigger the better.

☐ **Tie One On:** Wear woven friendship bracelets on your wrist. Wear them on your ankle. Give some to your friends to wear. They're not called friendship bracelets for nothing!

☐ **Watch Watch:** One wristwatch is not enough. Wear two. Or, better yet, wear three: one on your left wrist and two on your right. When someone asks you what time it is, say "Which watch?"



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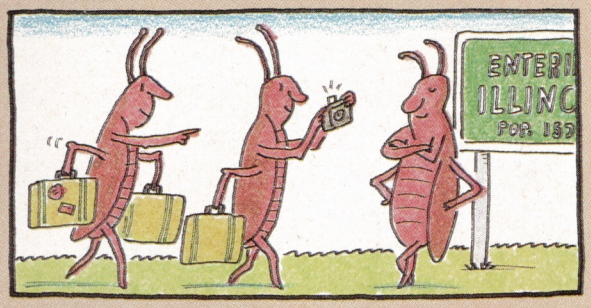


Ten American cities you might not believe are real. But they are.

1. Two Egg, Florida
2. Roaches, Illinois
3. Mosquitoville, Vermont
4. Bummerville, California
5. Hoo Hoo, West Virginia
6. Zzyzx, California
7. Snowball, Alaska
8. Who'd a Thought It, Alabama
9. Do Stop, Kentucky
10. Goose Pimple Junction, Virginia

IS IT SPRING YET?

February 2 is Groundhog's Day. When the groundhog comes out of his hole, one of two things will happen:

☐ He'll see his shadow which means six more weeks of winter or

☐ He won't see his shadow which means put away your sled, Spring is almost here.

But what's it like to be a groundhog? ALF Magazine wanted to know so we found one and we asked.

Q: What's it like to be a groundhog?

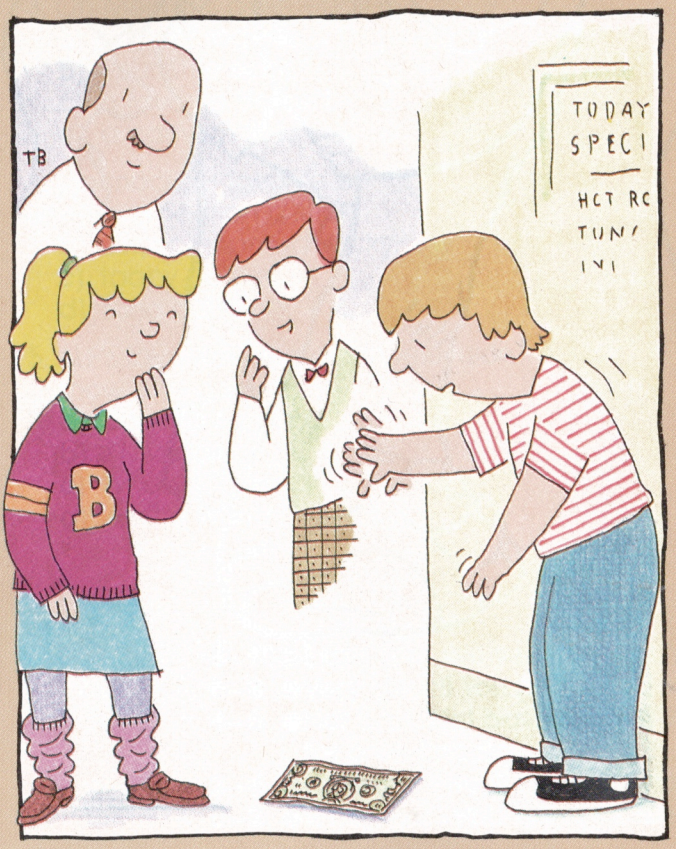
A: Well, it's better than being a weasel. You never heard of Weasel Day, did you?

Q: Do you really believe this business about the shadow?

A: Just between you and me, no way. But you humans like it so much, we groundhogs go along with you.

Q: Do you have any advice for someone who wants to be a groundhog?

A: Yes, I do. Learn how to dig with your front paws. That's the most important part of being a groundhog. Once you have that down, the rest is a cinch.



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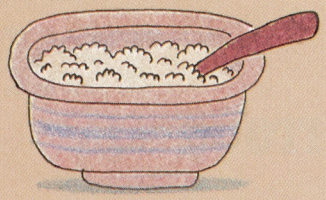
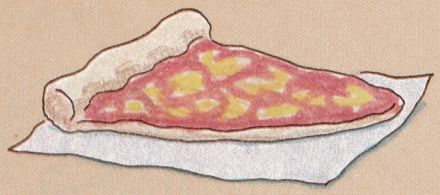
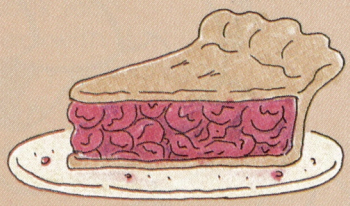


January is National Oatmeal Month. Eat oatmeal for breakfast.



January 17 - 23 is National Pizza Week. Eat pizza for lunch.



January 23 is National Pie Day. Have something nutritious for dinner, and then have a little pie.

TRY THIS AT LUNCH

Drop your lunch money about 12 inches from a wall. Then ask your friend to stand right behind it with his or her heels flush against the wall. Then say "If you can pick up that lunch money without bending your knees or moving your feet, it's yours!" Don't worry. Your money and your lunch are safe.

DO IT YOURSELF MELMAC ART

You've seen them on TV. You'll read about them in this magazine. But first, color them in. Yes, it's Gordon and Rick in black and white just waiting for you to put them in living color. So go to it!

MELM ACTIVITY

THE A.Q.* TEST

*ALF QUOTIENT

Are you an ALF expert? Do you constantly amaze your friends with tiny gems of knowledge from the world of the ol' Alfer? If you answered "Yes" to both these questions, then this trivia test is for you. Circle one answer per question. Then check out your A.Q. score on the chart below.

1. When are ALF's birthdays?
- **a)** Twangle 12 & Nathinganger 2
- **b)** Orring 21 & Kilmer 22
- **c)** Harble 29 and Fibble 24
- **d)** Kilmer 14 & Harble 17

2. What is ALF's real name?
- **a)** Arnie Garlic
- **b)** Gordon Shumway
- **c)** Fielding Mellish
- **d)** Juan

3. On Melmac, a slimeball is
- **a)** a giant rodent.
- **b)** your little sister.
- **c)** a favorite dessert.
- **d)** a car with lips.

4. Melmacians favorite dish is
- **a)** oatmeal on a stick.
- **b)** anyone named Bucky.
- **c)** tabby potpie.
- **d)** tuna pudding.

5. ALF's favorite Melmacian television show is
- **a)** *Bowling For Lard.*
- **b)** *I Love Icky.*
- **c)** *Wheel Of Brie.*
- **d)** *As The World Belches.*

6. How old is ALF?
- **a)** 28
- **b)** 231
- **c)** 42,256½
- **d)** What's it to ya?

7. What college did ALF attend?
- **a)** Tick Tock Tech
- **b)** Theheckwith U.
- **c)** University of Michigan
- **d)** Melmac U.

8. Back on Melmac, what was ALF's girlfriend's name?
- **a)** Rhonda
- **b)** Xnox
- **c)** Eileen
- **d)** Erno (But everyone knew her as Nancy.)

9. Melmac's national sport is
- **a)** cheese hurling.
- **b)** laughing at trees.
- **c)** waltzing with postal workers.
- **d)** bouillabaseball.

10. What kind of car was ALF driving when he crash landed on Earth?
- **a)** a black '72 Firebird
- **b)** a red '67 Mustang
- **c)** a Phlegm Turbo ZX20
- **d)** a bumper car

8–10 ●Excellent! Are you sure you're not Melmacian?
6–8 ●Very good! You might be related to ALF. (Twice removed.)
4–6 ●Not bad. Not bad at all. With a little studying, you could pass for a Melmacian.
2–4 ●Nice try. Give it another shot.
0–2 ●Who have you been watching, Oprah?

Answers
1. a; **2.** b; **3.** c; **4.** c; **5.** a; **6.** b; **7.** d; **8.** a; **9.** d; **10.** c.

WHERE'S AUGIE?

Uh, oh. Gordon's little sister, Augie, has wandered off and she's lost. Really lost! Help her find her way back through this maze that she's gotten herself into. She wants to get home in time for her favorite dinner: chili cats. Yum! *Answer on page 30.*

Illustration by Larry Nikolai

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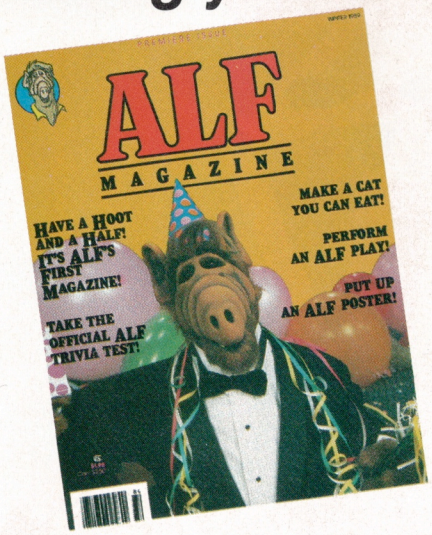

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Food's never boring at the Cat-Sup Diner. Not with recipes like these to tantalize your taste buds. Use them to liven up those boring family dinners, school lunches, or snacks after a hard day of singing to your patio furniture. And if anyone asks you where you learned to make tasty dishes like these, tell them Stella taught you—if you're willing to admit it!

Cat Chow

Cut a pear in half. Stick two raisins on with honey for eyes. Use corners of cheese for ears and thin strips of cheese for whiskers. A carrot curl makes a fine tail. *Meow* do you like it?

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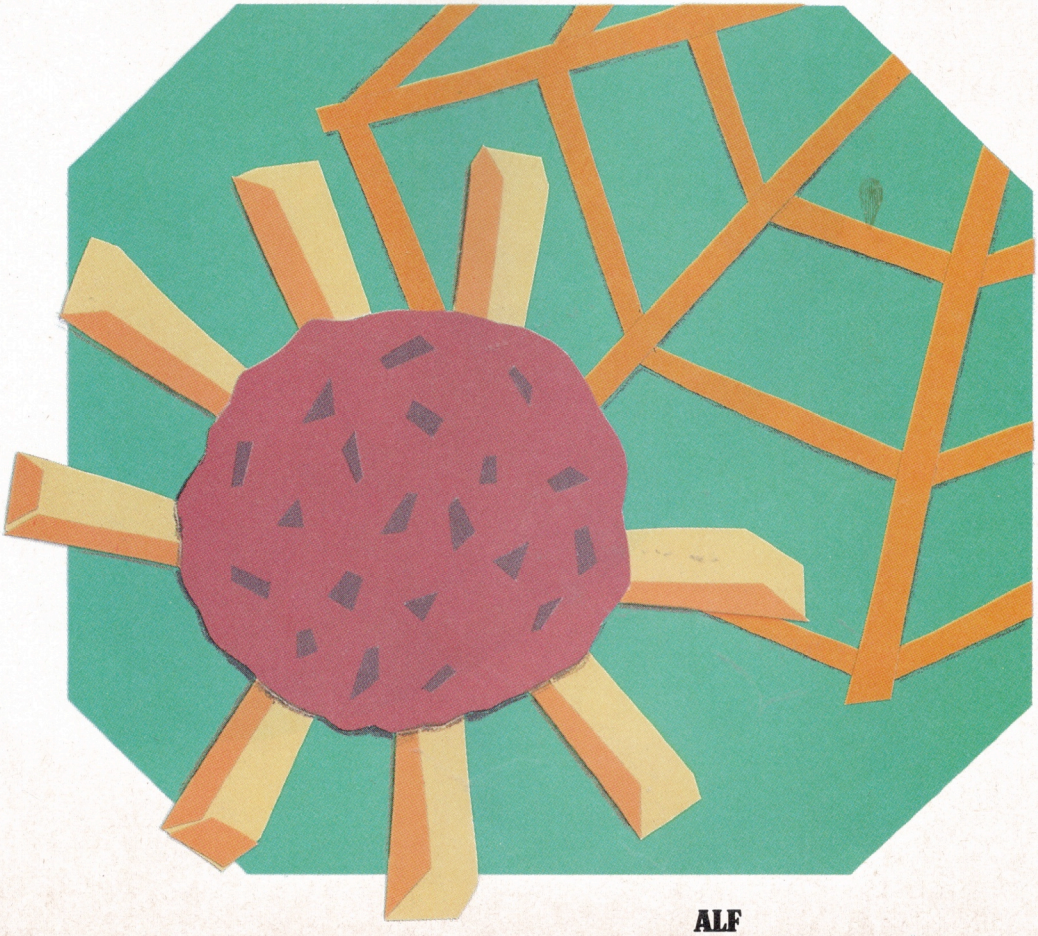
Ladybug Lunch

Cut an apple in half. Stick raisins on using drops of honey. Place a thin strip of cheese down the middle. Use a nut for a head. You'll say "Yum" instead of "Yuck" when you bite this bug.



Spider Supreme

Arrange eight french fries around a hamburger. Use thin strips of cheese to make a web. Isn't this an appetizing arachnid?

Illustration by Mary Young Duarte

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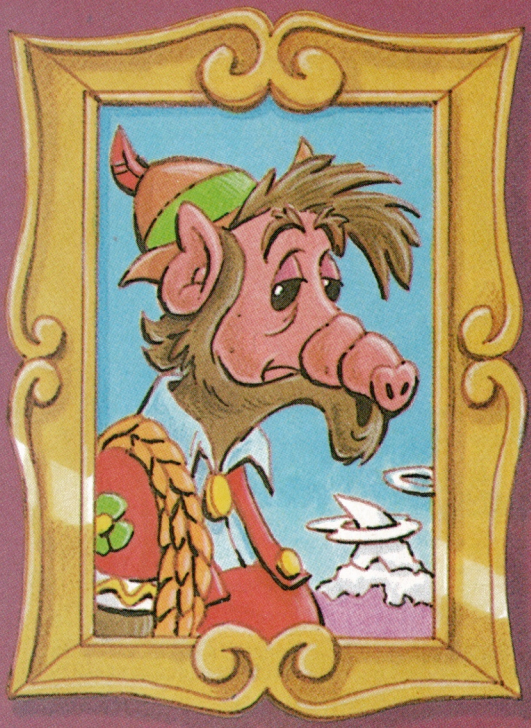
THE MELMACIAN HALL OF FAME

ALF is everyone's favorite Melmacian but there are others, like ALF, who have changed the course of Melmacian history. Here are just a few of the more interesting ones.

In 1954, **Ike "the Twinky" Wankroot** invented Melmac's first portable cheese log. To prove its portability, Ike carried it 621 miles without the use of her teeth. Unfortunately, no one cared a whole lot.

Hoots Hapwood, the oldest living Melmacian, was the first one to come up with the famous phrase, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him play tennis with a bowl of fruit and a tire jack." He is now a legend.

Written by Richard J Shellbach

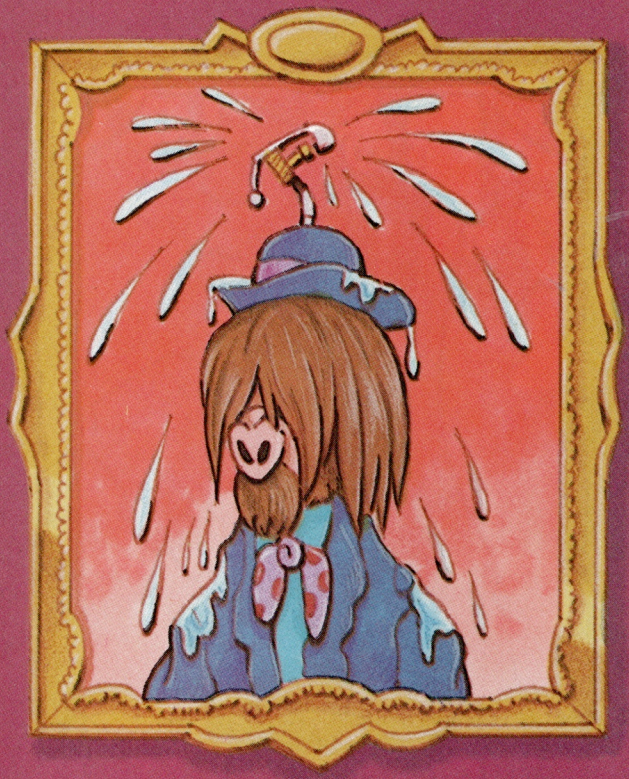


Horace "the Giant Carp" Akst is the only known Melmacian to have climbed Mount Yikes without a net or a pair of tweezers. However, he was best known for yelling at farm equipment.

Terry "the Amazing Gopher" Fendlethorp set Melmac's strangest record when she stood in a vat of strained beets, just to prove it could be done. No one knows why.

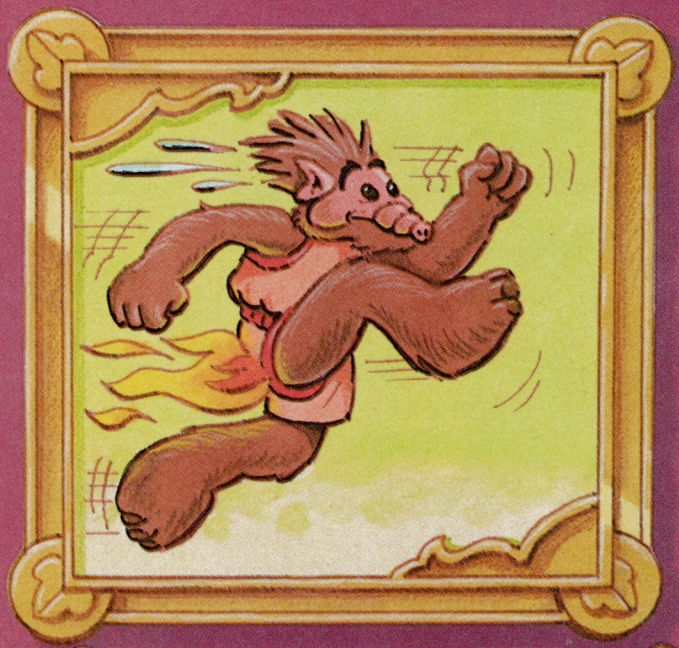
The tallest Melmacian was **Buffy Stigweed**. She stood 42,256 centimeters high. Too tall to perform most simple tasks, Buffy made her mark by becoming the first ladder to be able to whistle a tune in C minor.

Illustration by Larry Nikolai



Phil "the Handrail" Pudge went for a walk on Kilmer 22, 1856, only to return sixty days later, wearing the same suit and carrying a lawn sprinkler in the shape of a hat.

Michael Mattingloops was the first Melmacian to come up with the idea of teaching mice how to dance on their lips. Years later he wrote a book about it called *It Was Mice Dancing With You.* It sold 129 copies.



Arnie Zelfoot, the fastest Melmacian alive, set a worlds record for the two-minute mile. That's probably because his shorts were on fire at the time.

Melmatinee

A FISH CALLED BISMARCK

LIGHTS! CAMERA! MELMACTION!

It's time for the Melmatinee—your chance to act in your own Melmacian play starring Gordon Shumway and his pals. So get your best friends, your brothers, your sisters, even your parents. Take a part. Make some costumes and have your own ALF fest. (This could be better than *Cat On A Hot Tin Plate!*)

CHARACTERS

Gordon
Flo, his mother
Curtis, his brother
Augie, his little sister
Rick Fusterman, his friend
Skip, his friend
TV Announcer
Narrator

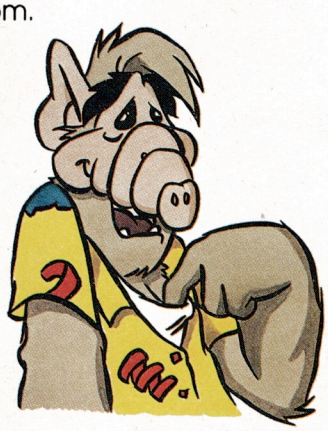
Illustration by Michael Doret

ACT ONE

SETTING: Gordon's Room
NARRATOR: Gordon Shumway is in his room, rocking out to the music on his portable Walkmammal. Flo, his mother, enters, and is horrified to see what a mess the place is.
FLO: Gordon!
NARRATOR: When Gordon doesn't answer, Flo lifts one of the earphones off and yells into his ear.
FLO: GO-R-R-R-R-D-O-N-N-N-N!
GORDON: Oh, hi, Mom. Didn't hear you come in.
FLO: Obviously you didn't hear me say "Clean up your room" anytime during the past year, either.
GORDON: It looks lived in, that's all.
FLO: Lived in by bletskamalian pigbirds, you mean. (SHE SNIFFS) And what's that horrible smell?
GORDON: My aftershave? No, I don't shave yet. Maybe it's my preshave.
NARRATOR: Flo sifts through the piles of clothes, books, magazines, sports equipment, records, tapes and socks until she uncovers a tank filled with what looks like pea soup. Two sad eyes stare out.
FLO: Gordon, you're not taking proper care of Bismarck. You know you have to change his water once in a while.
GORDON: Hey, I'm a busy guy.
FLO: If you're going to keep a pet, you're responsible for feeding it and keeping it clean and happy.
NARRATOR: When he hears that, Bismarck, the fish, sticks his head out of the tank and blows a big razzberry at Gordon.
GORDON: I think he's entirely too happy already.
NARRATOR: Curtis, Gordon's younger brother walks in.
CURTIS: Gordon, I need to borrow your flern roach net. A whole flock of them just landed in the backyard.
FLO: Curtis! You're not keeping a jar of flern roaches in the house!
CURTIS: Oh, Mom. . .
GORDON: Listen to your mother. You bring in pets and next thing you know, she's going to make you take care of them, too!
CURTIS: You mean feed them and stuff? Ah, forget it.
NARRATOR: Curtis leaves. Gordon follows.
FLO: And where do you think you're going?
GORDON: I'm off to do guy stuff. I'm meeting Rick and Skip at the diner.
FLO: Oh no, you're not. You're not leaving this house until this room is spotless and Bismarck can see one fin in front of him.
GORDON: But the guys are waiting for me!
FLO: And your mother is waiting for you to start living like a civilized mammal!
NARRATOR: Flo leaves the room. Gordon looks at his watch, and then at the mess.
GORDON: Hmmm. I can just rearrange my stuff quickly for now and still have time for a tabbyburger at Eddie's
NARRATOR: He rushes around the room, stuffing things in drawers, under the bed, in closets. It almost looks neat. Gordon takes a fast look around the room, and exits.
GORDON: No problem!

ACT TWO

SETTING: Eddie's Cat-Sup Diner (*The* hangout on Melmac)
NARRATOR: Gordon rushes in, and sits at his usual booth with two best friends, Rick and Skip. Stella, the waitress, comes over to take his order.
STELLA: You want the usual, Gordo?
GORDON: You bet—a tabby melt and fries. Sorry I'm late, guys, but I was having a serious mother-son talk.
STELLA: Your mom was yelling at you again?
GORDON: No! We were having a small . . . debate over the way I choose to decorate my room.



Written by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

SKIP: She called you a bletskamalian pigbird again, huh?
GORDON: Something like that.
RICK: S-s-she'll still let you come to the Orbit Guard Raffle, won't she?
GORDON: Of course she will. We just had some artistic differences. She's my mother, not my jailer.
SKIP: That's too bad. If you didn't show up, there'd be more chance of one of us winning.
RICK: That's right, Maybe you should stay home.
GORDON: Some friends! Hey, I want to win that lint-powered stereo system with CD player as much as you guys. And I have a better chance, because I bought a whole book of tickets!
SKIP: Couldn't sell any, huh?
GORDON (COVERING): Didn't want to. What if the one ticket I sold to a total stranger was the winning one?
RICK: How many tickets do you have altogether?
GORDON: Let me see. . .
NARRATOR: He searches his pockets for the tickets but can't find them.
GORDON: I must have left them back in my room.
SKIP: That pigsty?
GORDON: Thanks for the support, Skipmeister. Look, I'm going home to look for them right now. I'll see you guys tonight.
STELLA: What about your tabbyburger?
GORDON: Put it in a kitty bag!
NARRATOR: Meanwhile, back at the Shumways, Curtis looks out in the backyard and sees the flock of flern roaches munching on their lawn. Even though his mom advised him against pets, the temptation is too much. He runs up to Gordon's room to get his flern roach net. When he sees how clean the room is, he jumps to conclusions.
CURTIS: Wow! We've been robbed!
NARRATOR: Augie, their baby sister, toddles in and looks around the clean room.
AUGIE: No, Gordon cleaned.
CURTIS: Are you crazy? Gordon never cleans. He's a pig!
AUGIE: Where's Bismarck?
CURTIS: In that tank somewhere.
AUGIE: I don't see him.
CURTIS: Of course you can't. He's in special water.
AUGIE: That special water stinks!
CURTIS: Come on, help me find Gordon's flern roach net.
NARRATOR: They open a closet door and piles and piles of Gordon's possessions tumble out all around them.
CURTIS: Yaaahhh!!!
NARRATOR: Curtis and Augie crawl out from under the piles of stuff. Augie toddles out the door. Curtis pulls open the drawers, still looking for the net. As he opens each drawer, more stuff falls out. Finally, the piles are too big and Curtis and Augie run into the hall.

CURTIS: Phew! That was a close one!
NARRATOR: Just then, Gordon runs up the stairs, heading for his room.
AUGIE: You don't wanna go in there, Gordon.
GORDON: What do you mean? It's my room. My home. My castle. My (HE SEES THE HUGE MESS) pigsty! Curtis, what did you do to my room?
CURTIS: Don't blame me. You boobytrapped the place. All I did was look for your flern roach net.
NARRATOR: Gordon shakes his head and digs his way through the stuff into his room.
GORDON: You didn't happen to see my raffle tickets, did you?
CURTIS: They were on your desk once.
AUGIE: Near Bismarck.

Illustration by Dick Codor

GORDON/CURTIS/AUGIE: Bismarck?!!
NARRATOR: The three of them start tearing through the stuff to find the poor little fish. Just then, Flo comes in.
FLO: What's all this noise—Gordon, I thought you cleaned up your room!
GORDON: I did. Curtis here did a little redecorating.
CURTIS: Oh sure, blame the little kid.
FLO: Did you at least change Bismarck's water?
AUGIE: We don't know—we can't find him!
FLO: You lost your fish? There is no excuse for that, Gordon Shumway! You're grounded until you find that fish and clean up your room!
GORDON: But that could take weeks, Mom—and the big Orbit Guard Raffle is tonight! Can't I do it later?
FLO: You'll do it now, Gordon, and you're not leaving this room until I see that little fish's smiling face on your clean desk!
GORDON: Yikes!

ACT THREE

NARRATOR: Hours have passed. Gordon feverishly sorts through the piles of his stuff looking for Bismarck ,and all he can find is the empty tank. There's a knock at the door.
GORDON (DEPRESSED): Come in.
SKIP'S VOICE: The door won't open.
GORDON: Oops, sorry. Let me move this pile of laundry.
NARRATOR: He makes way, and Rick and Skip enter the still messy room.
RICK: G-g-great room, Gordon.
SKIP: Yeah. I really like what you've done with it.
GORDON: Thanks. Tell that to my mom.
RICK: Let's go, we're going to be late for the raffle.
GORDON: Bad news, guys. I can't go.
RICK: Great! That helps our chances to win!
SKIP (NUDGES RICK TO SHUT HIM UP): What's the problem, Gordo. You were all ready to go this afternoon.
GORDON: I had another artistic difference with my mom. Then I lost my fish. Besides that, I can't find my raffle tickets!
RICK: Maybe if we all search the room, we'll find them both.
NARRATOR: So Gordon, Rick, and Skip set out to sift through the remaining piles of Gordon's clothes, books, records, tapes, magazines, and assorted paraphernalia, all to no avail.
SKIP: That's it. We've searched everywhere.
GORDON: This is so sad.
RICK (PUTS HIS ARM AROUND GORDON): I'm sure Bismarck is safe somewhere.
GORDON: Not him. I'm talking about missing the raffle.
SKIP: The raffle! It's almost time!
RICK: Sorry, Gordon, but we have to go.
GORDON: See ya. Good luck.
NARRATOR: Gordon gives the room one last rummage, then sadly sits on a pile of laundry, looking at Bismarck's empty tank. He sighs and sadly turns on his portable TV.
TV ANNOUNCER: Good evening, and welcome to the Annual Orbit Guard Raffle! We're here live, waiting to see what lucky Melmacian will win the grand prize of a lint-powered stereo system!
GORDON: It should have been mine.
TV ANNOUNCER: I'm sticking my hand into the vat of raffle ticket stubs . . . and the winner is . . . number 4735523!
GORDON: Who cares. Wait—4735523! That was one of mine!
NARRATOR: And Gordon quickly rummages through his stuff one last time. Only this time, he finds the book of tickets in one of his pockets.
GORDON (YELLS AT THE TV): I have it! I won! I won!
NARRATOR: But as Gordon opens the book to pull out the winning ticket . . .
GORDON: My tickets! They're gone! Curtis!!
CURTIS (FROM OUTSIDE): What do you want?
GORDON: You took my tickets! Why aren't you at the raffle?
CURTIS: What are you talking about? I'm flern hunting! Now, be quiet or you'll scare them away.
GORDON: Then who. . .
TV ANNOUNCER: And we have a winner ladies and gentlemen!
GORDON: Oh yeah? Let's see who the little thief is.
TV ANNOUNCER: My, this is most unusual . . . The winner of the Grand Prize is a fish! But he does have the winning ticket!
GORDON: Bismarck!
TV ANNOUNCER: The winner has just handed me a note, because as you all know, fish can't talk. But he wants me to thank Gordon Shumway for giving him this chance to be a winner by living like a pig and leaving his stuff all around the room. Enjoy your stereo, Bismarck! And Gordon, wherever you are, clean your room!
GORDON (DISGUSTED): Yeesh!

MELM ACTIVITY

NOW WHERE HAVE I SEEN THESE BEFORE?

All of these pictures appear somewhere else in the magazine. The question is where? It's up to you to find out. We can't tell you everything!
Answers on page 30.

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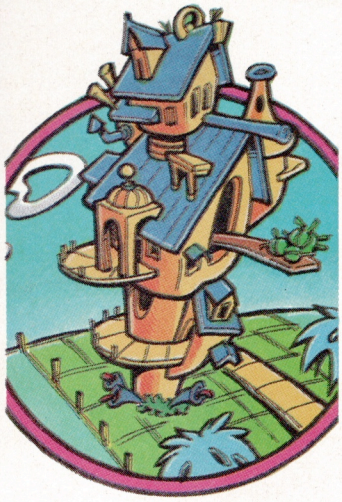

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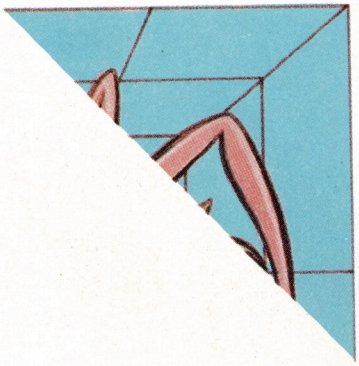

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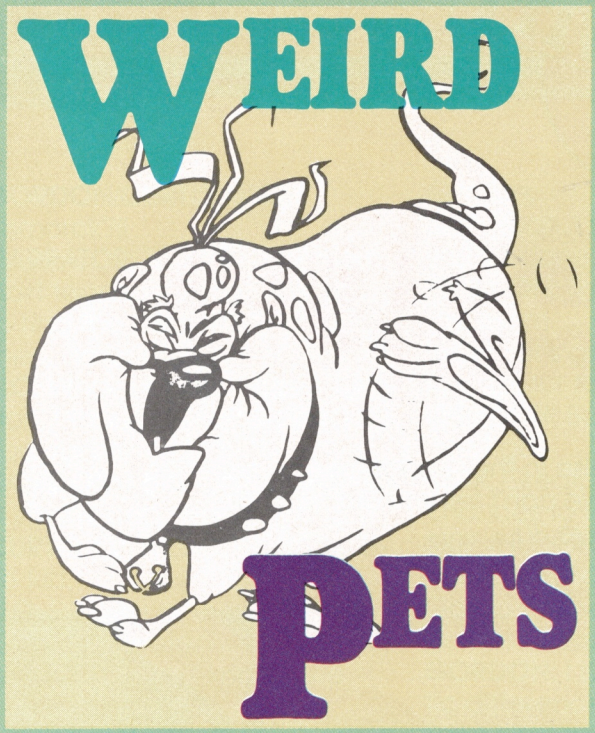
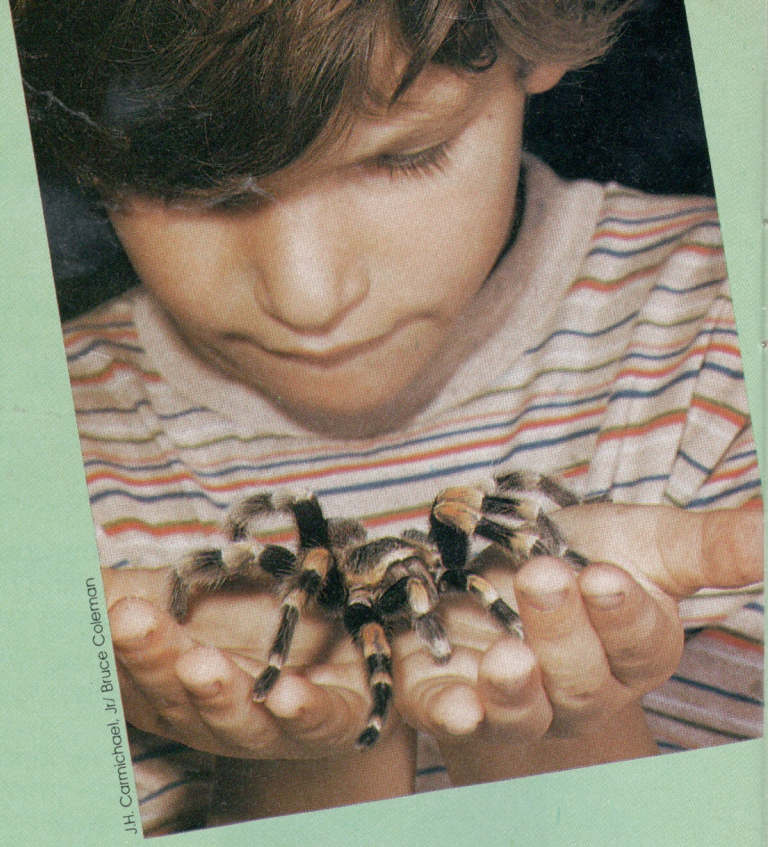


Back on Melmac, Gordon has a pet named Neep. Neep is a Vespa. Vespas are big, slow, friendly animals. They're notorious for playing handball without proper I.D. and being able to drool on command. They constantly smack their lips and say, "Neep, neep!" That's how Neep got his name.

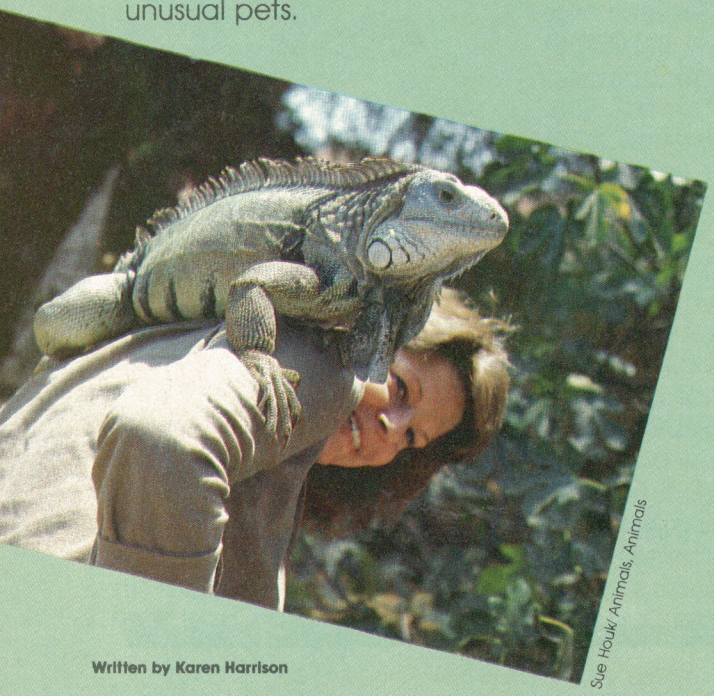
But Gordo's not the only guy in the universe with a weird pet. Some Earthlings have broken the mold and gone beyond dogs, birds, and cats. Of course, Melmacians find our owning cats about as weird as we find their having chunks of lard as pets. But hey! Take a look at some of these unusual pets.



J.H. Carmichael, Jr./ Bruce Coleman

TARANTULA

A tarantula is a weird pet for sure, but a fascinating one. It's incredibly cool to watch it shed its shell or to eat the crickets you feed it once a week. See, the tarantula corners its prey and embalms it like a mummy. Then it squirts in digestive juice that decomposes the former cricket. *Then* the tarantula sucks out the cricket slurpee with a built-in straw. Yes, tarantulas are cannibalistic, so don't put two in a cage. They won't harm you, though. Even if they bite, it's harmless. So pick up your exotic, velvety pet tarantula and show it off!



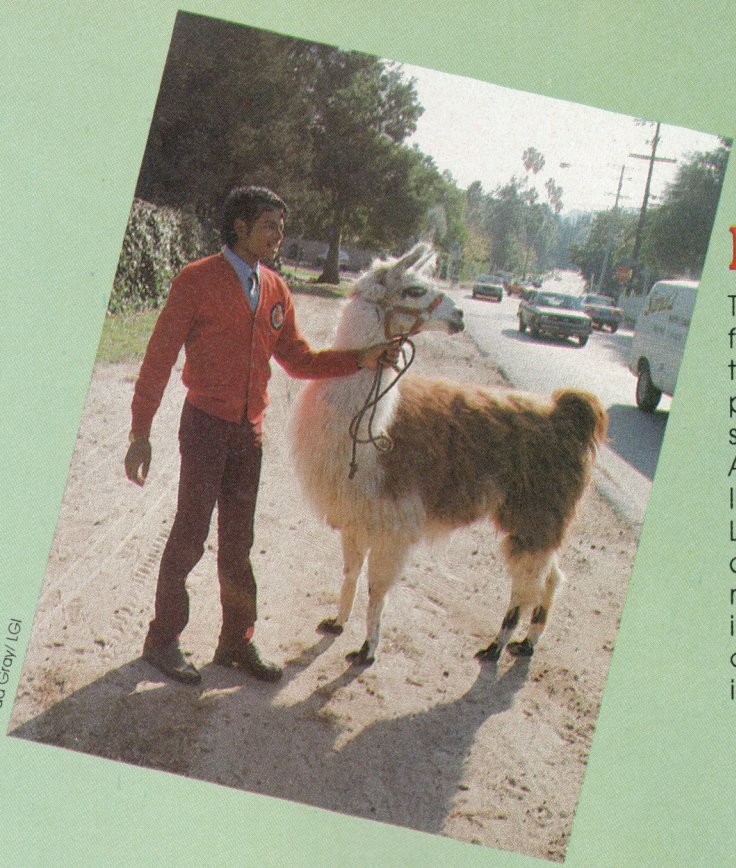
Sue Houk/ Animals, Animals

IGUANAS

This lizard's scientific name is *Iguana iguana*—isn't that punk? These scaly green crawlers are living reminders of the dinosaur age. But iguanas are as gentle as they're tough looking, and they are sometimes pictured as symbols of the peace movement. Iguanas crave hot weather, since they're native to Central America. It's a challenge to recreate their natural habitats in a cage. But the general rule with iguanas is: only one per cage. Males engage in huffing and puffing "combat displays" to show who's boss. Iguanas are very into their own turf, but as long as you're not an iguana, you can hold and even pet them—they don't bite.

Written by Karen Harrison

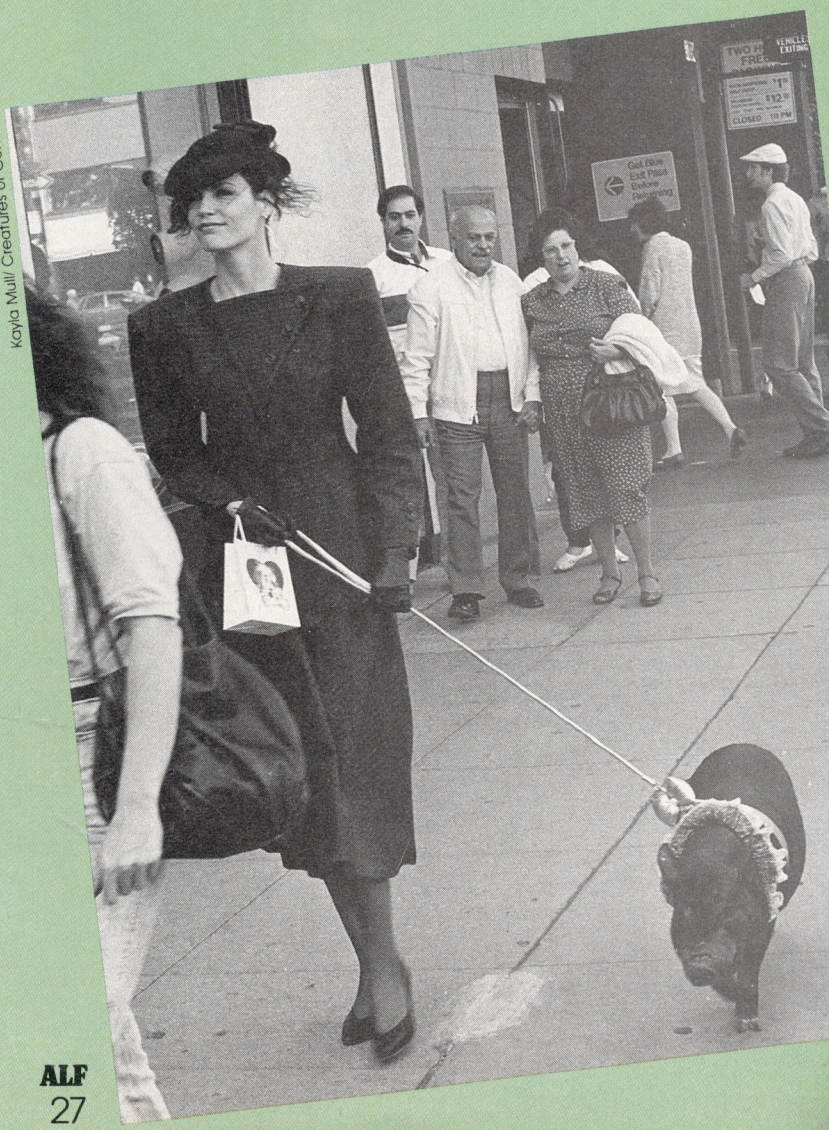
Illustration by Dick Codor



Todd Gray/ LGI

LLAMA

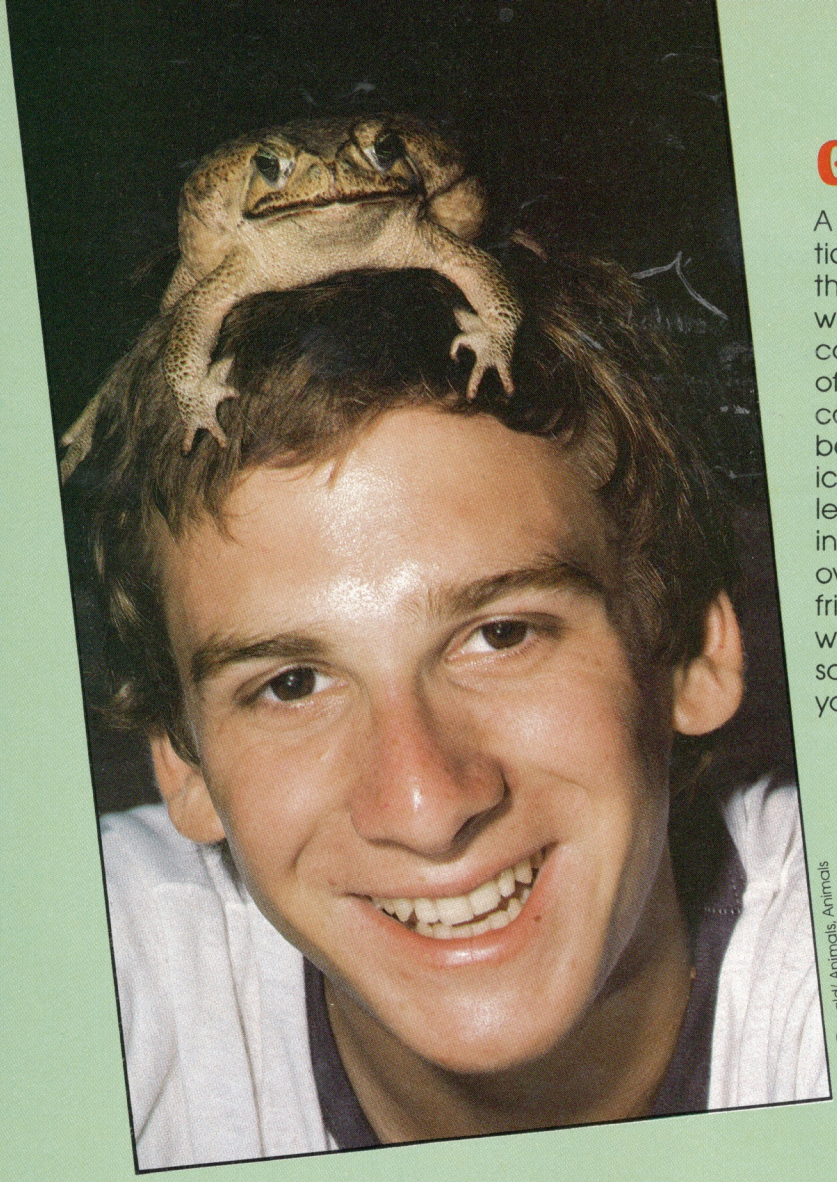
The craze for pet llamas got a big boost from a certain eccentric superstar with the initials M.J. But if you've got a lot of property—like a ranch—a llama's not such an eccentric choice. These South American beasts of burden are calm, intelligent, and look like they're always smiling. Like horses, llamas eat hay (with fruit for dessert) and they don't mind giving kids rides. Your llama doesn't like the dark, and it hates rattlesnakes—so flush the rattlers out of your backyard before you turn it into llama-lland.



Kayla Mull/ Creatures of Comfort

MINIPIG

Minipigs are actually a tiny swine breed called the Chinese potbellied. They're short but solid—about 16 inches high and about 75 pounds. They are rare, expensive, and therefore fashionable in Hollywood. Minis have personalities like their big pig relatives—sociable and affectionate, intuitive and trainable. Or, as one pig breeder says, "Dogs look up to you, cats look down on you, but pigs think they're your equal." Contrary to myth, pigs are very clean. But they do eat a lot . . . even a minipig is still a pig!



Joe McDonald/ Animals, Animals

GIANT TOAD

A giant toad is ugly but lovable—a gigantic green blob of noise and activity. His throat won't stop croaking and his tongue won't stop flicking at flies. (Owner tip: You can attract these tasty treats with a piece of meat strategically placed in your toad's cage.) In the winter your giant toad will hibernate like his cousins in Texas and Mexico. Give him a deep box of dirt and leaves to burrow in, and store your sleeping beauty in a cool place. Some toad owners keep their hibernating pets in the fridge! One warning: Giant toads don't mix with dogs and cats. The stuff the toad squirts from behind his eyes is poisonous to your furry friends.

FERRETS

Ferrets aren't rodents; they're in the weasel family. If you still find them ratty, here's more ferret appeal: They're cuddly, clean, healthy, and hardy. They look like cats with dachshund bellies, and they have a cute, raccoon-like mask. Ferrets are easy to take care of. When they're raised in captivity, they're very tame. They don't mind a leash, get along with dogs and cats, and can share their food. Final Ferret Fun Fact: Males are called hobs and females are called gills—not girls, gills!

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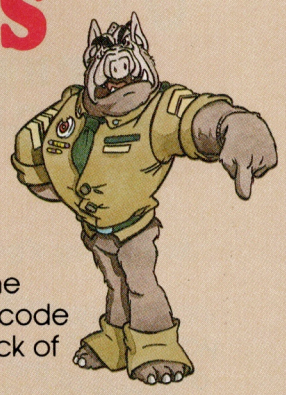
MELMACTIVITY

SERGEANT STAFF'S ORBIT ORDERS



Sergeant Staff left some orders for Gordon and his buddies on the ground crew. The trouble is, they're in code. Help Gordon crack the code before Sergeant Staff gets back from lunch—or everyone's in a peck of trouble. (And pecks on Melmac are a lot bigger than pecks on Earth!) *Answer on page 30.*

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Emergency Code Cracking Hint Box:
A letter appears in each box where two rows meet. At the end of each row, there's a number and a symbol. The number and symbol together represent a letter. For example, the letter M is 3 🐖 . Now crack that code!

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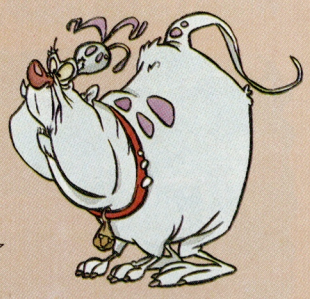

Illustration by Dick Codor

BIG YUKS!

THIGH-SLAPPING, SIDE-SPLITTING, GUT-BUSTING JOKES (We Hope!)

How do you make the word "one" disappear?
Add a G at the beginning and it's "gone"!

Where does a sheep get its hair cut?
At a baa-baa shop!

What happens when you throw a rock into the Red Sea?
It gets wet!

Why did the duck cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off!

How do you make a bull stop charging?
Take away its credit card!

How does a monster count to 17?
On its fingers!

Special thanks to Emily Landa of LaGrange, Georgia for her premiere issue joke! Congratulations! Enjoy your ALF t-shirt!

Big Yuk Spotlight
Why did the turtle cross the road?
To get to the Shell station!

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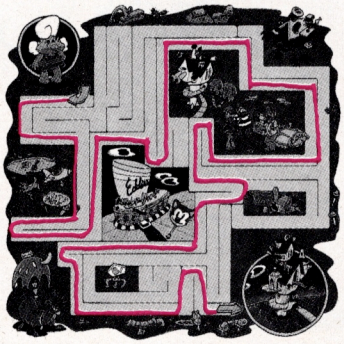

Sergeant Staff's Orbit Orders (Page 20)
The note says:
There will be a surprise inspection. When?
That is the surprise! Get it?

Now Where Have I Seen These Before ? (Page 25)
1. page 28; 2. page 12; 3. page 20;
4. page 31; 5. page 3

Animal Crossword (Page 28)

	1 S			2 S	E	A	3 L		4 P
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Gordon's girlfriend's name is:
RHONDA

ASK ALF

Q: I love the way you wear your hair. How can I get my hair to look like that?

Lila Newman,
New York, NY

A: I take great pains to make sure I always treat my hair right. If you want your hair to look like mine, do what I do. Hardly ever wash it, sleep on it at least twelve hours a day, and comb and brush it once a month, whether it needs it or not.

Q: I'm not like the rest of the kids in my class. They love rock music, I don't. They hate studying, I love it. I think I may be an alien. How can I be sure?

Jenny Mara,
Ann Arbor, MI

A: That's easy. Just take this simple test: Do you have two belly buttons? Does the word "zeed-o" mean anything to you? Do you crave toothpaste on your chocolate pudding? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, you may be an alien. If not, you're probably just going through a phase. Don't worry. You'll grow out of it.

Q: People always make fun of my nose. They say it's too big. You have a big nose. Does anyone make fun of you? What do you do?

Daniel Shanin,
Glen Ridge, NJ

A: And all this time I just thought that my face was small! Seriously, I don't really care what other people think of my nose. Back on Melmac, a doctor wanted to perform an operation that would make my nose smaller, but I was afraid he'd blow it. (I kill me!)

Q: I like to wear two different color socks. My friends think it's weird. I think it's cool. What do you think?

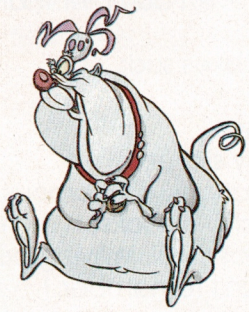
Zena Ascrizzi,
Providence, RI

A: I think it's cool, too! It reminds me of my younger days when I used to wear two different color pairs of underwear at the same time. (Of course, I wore one pair on my head!)

Q: I like to feed my dog scraps at the table during dinner. My mom yells at me. What should I do? A dog's got to eat, too.

Arlene Kammerman,
Houston, TX

A: Sometimes people food makes dogs sick. If kids feed their dogs every day, they won't need people food. On the other hand, people food hardly ever makes Melmacians sick. Maybe I'll drop by sometime around the dinner hour. . . .



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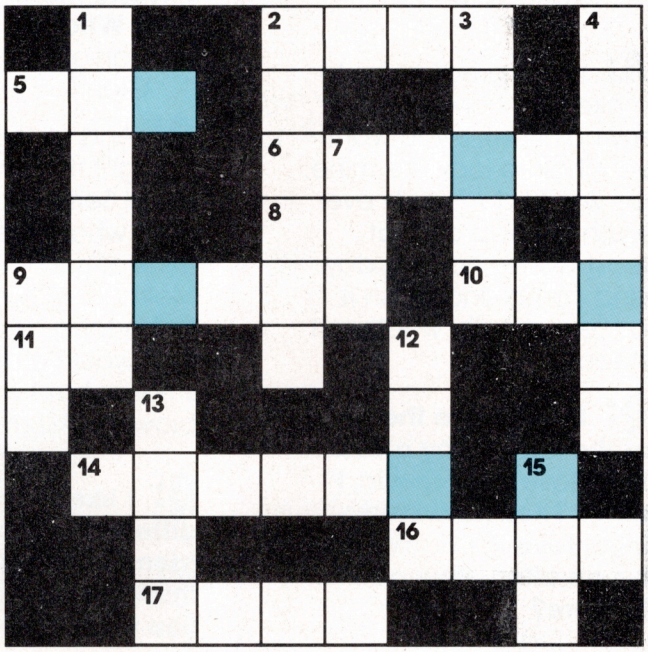
Answer on page 30.

Across

2 Barker or flipper-flapper
5 Peanut butter __ __ __ jelly
6 Scaly green lizard
8 __ __, re, mi
9 Animal in the weasel family
10 Long __ __ __ and far away
11 I am, you are, she __ __
14 ALF's favorite food
16 It's even bumpier than a frog.
17 It makes suds.

Down

1 They slither.
2 Charlotte is a famous one.
3 Michael Jackson owns one.
4 It has a tail in living color.
7 I can't remember. I for __ __ __.
9 A fish steers with it.
12 Crooked
13 Mud lovers
15 "Hee __ __ __," said the donkey.



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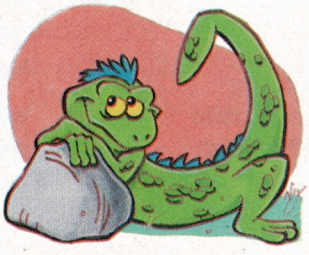

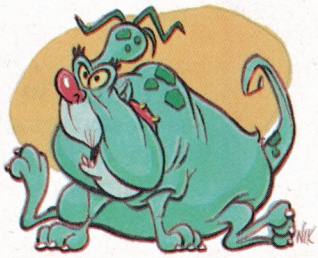

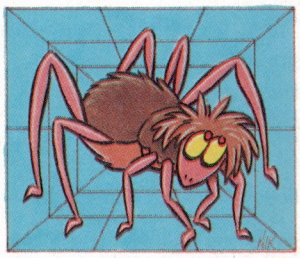

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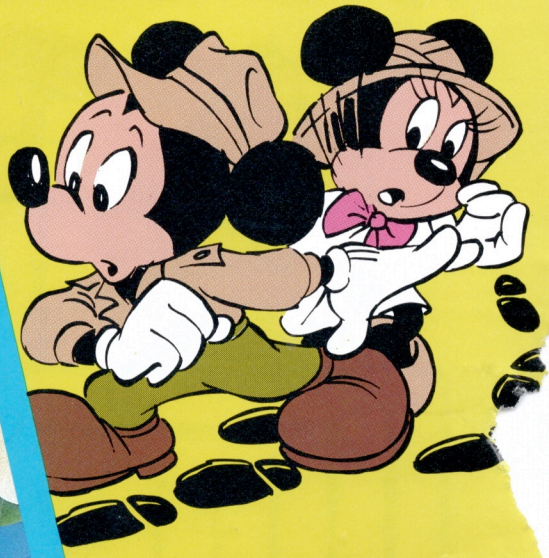

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